

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for transmitting a short message to a plurality of subscribers in a mobile communication system, comprising the steps of:
registering a plurality of called subscriber numbers in a short message service center of said mobile communication system by associating each of said plurality of called subscriber numbers with a group identifier, the group identifier being a separately defined field; and

simultaneously transmitting said short message to each of said plurality of called subscriber numbers by designating said group identifier.

2. (Amended) In a mobile communication system having a plurality of base station subsystems for demodulating signals received from a plurality of corresponding mobile communication terminals and a mobile switching center, operatively connected to said plurality of base station subsystems, for detecting a short message service center number from said demodulated signals and for switching to a corresponding short message service center through a gateway, said short message service center having a memory, a method for transmitting a short message to a plurality of subscribers, comprising the steps of:

transmitting short message information from one of said mobile communication terminals, said short message information including a group identifier and a short message, the group identifier being a separately defined field;